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Honorable Strom Thurmond
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Dear Senator Thurmond:

This is in reply to your letter of February 5, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, Virgil Wall, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Those rules have been in place for over 20 years. While they have been amended on numerous occasions since that time, they nonetheless embody regulatory concepts based on yesteryear's technology and, unless changed, will stifle the growth and development of private land mobile radio technology and services, which are used primarily by local governments, public safety entities, and businesses to enhance their productivity. The Commission issued the Notice, therefore, to solicit comment from all interested persons on a wide variety of proposals designed to increase channel capacity, to promote more efficient use of these channels, and to simplify the rules governing use of these channels.

The proposals in the Notice reflect to a large extent concepts and proposals submitted in the initial inquiry stages of this proceeding. None of the proposals set forth in the Notice, however, are engraved in stone. Indeed, the proposals represent our best judgment at this stage of the proceeding on steps that must be taken to improve the regulatory climate for users of the private land mobile radio spectrum below 512 MHz. To this end, some of the critical issues that must be resolved relate to channel spacing, the amount of time provided to users to convert to new technical standards, how the 300 to 500 percent increase in channel capacity should be licensed, how the rules should be written to provide users technical flexibility, and whether the current nineteen radio services should be consolidated and, if so, how. I have enclosed for your information a copy of that part of the Notice that describes the numerous proposals.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of users of private land mobile radio spectrum and the impact that these proposals may have on their radio systems, including the costs of required modifications.

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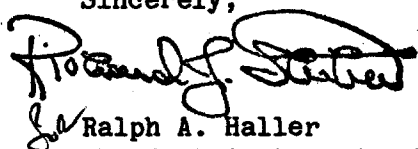
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We will, therefore, take into careful consideration all their comments. Your constituent's concerns will be fully evaluated when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Comments on the proposals set forth in the Notice are due May 28, 1993, and Reply Comments are due July 14, 1993. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994. We urge your constituent to file formal comments on all aspects of the proposals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Ralph A. Haller", is written over a horizontal line.

Ralph A. Haller
Chief, Private Radio Bureau

Enclosures:

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Mr. Steve Klitzman, Associate Director
Office of Congressional Liaison
Federal Communications Commission
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Room 314
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Ms. Klitzman:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondence I have recently received from Mr. Virgil Wall. I believe you will find it self-explanatory.

Your reviewing this material and providing any assistance and/or information possible under the governing statutes and regulations will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your attention in this matter, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Strom Thurmond

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Strom Thurmond
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Dear Senator Thurmond:

There will be a tremendous adverse affect on our company's radio system if the proposed FCC Docket 92-235 would pass. Our system, as well as all private line radio systems used in the forest products industry, would be affected.

If I interpret the proposal correctly, this action could cost our company as much as \$100 per unit for adjustments to smaller band width. Also, the new power versus height requirements could render our system virtually useless.

Our radio system is a vital part of our daily forestry operations.

Your opposition to the FCC rule change would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

W. Virgil Wall Jr

W. Virgil Wall, Jr.
President

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